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| Hiroyuki IKEUCHI et al. | : | Art Unit: 1796 |
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| Serial No.: 10/577,355 | : | Examiner: S. Sastri |
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| Filed: April 28, 2006 | : | |
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| For: PARTICULATE WATER-ABSORBENT | : | |
| RESIN COMPOSITION AND ITS | : | |
| PRODUCTION PROCESS | : | |

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This is in response to the June 12, 2009 Office Action in connection with the above-identified application. In view of the following comments, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

The Action indicates that Applicants are required to submit a certified copy of the priority application. As noted in the previous response, the present application is a national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Under the PCT rules, the priority application is submitted by WIPO and Applicants are not required to submit certified copies of the priority application in each of the designated countries. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the certified copy of the priority application is not necessary.